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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3212

July 15, 2019

The Honorable Patrick J. Foye
Chairman and CEO
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Dear Chairman Foye,

I am writing to express my concern about the inadequate notice to the public of the planned closure of the L Train for many weekends and late nights in the coming months. For regular L Train riders, the closures will be a major inconvenience and yet, there is very little information available to the public. Worse, the information in affected stations and elsewhere along the line announces night and weekend service every 20 minutes, with no indication that changes are coming.

I know that the MTA put a notice in the L Train newsletter and sent email to staff at elected officials' offices, but this is not enough to put the commuting public on notice that there will be no service to ten stations late nights and weekends. The notice in the L Project newsletter was buried, coming after a lengthy description of the history of the L Train. Readers may never have scrolled all the way down to the significant news of service changes coming. Furthermore, riders who do not subscribe to the newsletter would have no way of knowing about the coming changes. The MTA's website does not include the information about the shutdown dates and times. I sent my staff on July 11 to check the three impacted stations which are in or adjacent to my district: Lorimer Street, Graham Avenue and Grand Street. They found no notices whatsoever regarding the days on which there will be no service. Instead they found notices indicating there will continue to be service every 20 minutes. Enclosed are copies of all the notices my staff saw.

The MTA must start posting notices and doing public outreach to let people know their options. Notices should be put at every L Train stop so that people will be able to plan ahead. There should be prominent signs, handouts and an explanation of alternatives. It is confusing enough for commuters to have a reduced L Train schedule. They need advance warning that they will have to disembark and take a bus for part of their trip. Thank you for your prompt attention to these concerns, consistent with all rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,

CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress

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Weekday Work



Weekend Work



Monday to Friday
July 8 - 12

Late Friday to Early Monday
July 12 - 15

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at 125 St to continue your trip.

- Use a Hudson Yards-bound 7 to complete your trip.
- Transfer at 74 St-Broadway, 61 St-Woodside, or Queensboro Plaza.

Nights

Jul 8 - 12
4:45 PM to 5 AM, Mon to Fri
SIGNAL MODERNIZATION

Manhattan-bound trains will skip
Briarwood and 75 Av

- Use a Jamaica Center-bound 6 to complete your trip.
- Transfer at 71 Av, Union Tpke, or Jamaica-Van Wyck.

Nights

Jul 8 - 12, Mon to Fri
9:45 PM to 5 AM
SIGNAL MODERNIZATION

Manhattan-bound trains will run express
from 71 Av to Queens Plaza

- Use a Jamaica Center-bound 6 local or 71 Av-bound 7 to complete your trip.
- Transfer at Queens Plaza, Roosevelt Av, or 71 Av.

Reminder: 6 service does not run in
Queens during late nights.

Days

Jul 8 - 12
11 AM to 3 PM, Mon to Fri
TRACK MAINTENANCE

1. Between Rockaway Pkwy and
Broadway Junction, every 24 minutes
every 8 minutes
2. Between Broadway Junction and 6 Av,
every 8 minutes

- Transfer at Broadway Junction to continue
your trip.

Myrtle Av.

Nights

Effective 6 PM, Mon to Fri
Through Summer 2020
L PROJECT

1. Trains will run every 20 minutes between
Brooklyn and Manhattan

- In Brooklyn, 8 will run every 10 minutes
from 10 PM to 1:30 AM, nightly.
- Additional 6, 7, 8 service will be running.
- Additional M14A bus service will be running.
- Williamsburg Link B91A bus service will
connect Bedford Av 9 and Marcy Av 10.
- Free transfers will be available between:
• Livonia Av 9 and Junius St 10
- Hewes St, Lorimer St 10, and Broadway 10
- Pick up an L Project brochure for more details.
- Visit mta.info/L-Project

Nights

Jul 8 - 12, Mon to Fri
9:45 PM to 5 AM
TRACK MAINTENANCE

- Downtown trains will skip 48 St
- Use an uptown 8 or 9 local to complete
your trip.
- Transfer at Times Sq-42 St or 57 St-7 Av.
- Ongoing: 8 trains are stopping at
45 St and 53 St in Brooklyn
through July 2019.

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Queensboro Plaza

- Use a Flushing-bound 7 to complete
your trip.
- Transfer at Queensboro Plaza, 61 St-
Woodside, Junction Blvd, or Willets Point.

- Allow additional travel time.

- Use a Queens-bound 4 or Euclid Av-bound
6 to complete your trip.
- Transfer at Hoyt-Schermerhorn Sts,
Nostrand Av (with Unlimited Ride
MetroCard), or Ulrica Av.
- Reminder: 4 trains do not run during
late nights.

Weekend

Jul 13 - 15
12:01 AM Sat to 9 AM Mon
SIGNAL MODERNIZATION

Trains will run local in both directions
in Queens

- Allow additional travel time.

Weekends

10 PM Fri to 5 AM Mon
Through Summer 2020
L PROJECT

1. Trains will run every 20 minutes between
Brooklyn and Manhattan

- In Brooklyn, 8 will run every 10 minutes,
days and evenings.
- Additional 6, 7, 8 service will be running.
- Additional M14A bus service will be running.
- Williamsburg Link B91A bus service will
connect Bedford Av 9 and Marcy Av 10.
- Free transfers will be available between:
• Livonia Av 9 and Junius St 10
- Hewes St, Lorimer St 10, and Broadway 10
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Night

Beginning 10 PM, Fridays
Through Summer 2020
SIGNAL MODERNIZATION

Service will end early between 71 Av and
47-50 Sts - Take the 6 or 8

- For Queens, take the 6.
- For Court Sq, Lexington Av-53 St, and
5 Av-53 St, take the 8.
- Transfer at 34 St-Herald Sq 6 or
W 4 St 8.

Weekend

Jul 13 - 14
3:45 AM Sat to 10 PM Sun
STATION RENEWAL

1. Free shuttle buses will replace trains
between Ditmars Blvd and
Queensboro Plaza

- 8 will run between Ditmars Blvd and
Queensboro Plaza
- Free shuttle buses will make all 8 stops
between Queensboro Plaza and
Ditmars Blvd.

- Some buses departing Ditmars Blvd will
run express to Queensboro Plaza.
- Transfer between trains and buses at
Queensboro Plaza
- Ongoing: Astoria Blvd is closed for renewal.

Nights

Jul 12 - 15
10:45 PM to 5 AM, Fri to Mon
SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Manhattan-bound trains are rerouted
via the 6 (Manhattan Bridge) from
DeKalb Av to Canal St

- Manhattan-bound 8 trains will not serve
Jay St-MetroTech, Court St, Whitehall St,
Rector St, Cortlandt St, and City Hall.
- Use nearby 6 stations via transfer at
Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr.
- Note: Late night 6 service between
Whitehall St and Atlantic Av-
Barclays Ctr is suspended this
weekend.

Until Jul 2019

STRUCTURAL REHABILITATION

Trains are stopping at 53 St and 48 St
in both directions

- Allow additional travel time.

Nights

Jul 12 - 15
10:45 PM to 5 AM, Fri to Mon
SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

1. Trains will not run
Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr

- 8 will run between
Atlantic Av and
Barclays Ctr and
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Atlantic Av-Barclays Ctr
- To Lower Manhattan
stations via transfer
Barclays Ctr.
- From Whitehall St, 6
MetroTech, take the

Weekend

Jul 13 - 14
9 AM to 11 PM, Sat & Sun
SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

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via the 6 (Manhattan Bridge) from
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Night

Jul 12
Beginning 10 PM, Friday
SIGNAL MAINTENANCE

Service will end early - Take the 6 or 8

- Reminder: 8 trains do not run on weekends.

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GRAHAM
AVENUE
L TO
CANARSIE

L All Nights & Weekends

- every 10 mins in Brooklyn
- every 20 mins between Manhattan and Brooklyn

Travel alternatives

To Manhattan:

- Be sure to board a Manhattan-bound train. Otherwise, the bus may take you to the wrong train.
- Get to Lorimer St.
- If you can, start your trip at a nearby station.

In Brooklyn:

- The bus stop for every train.
- It is at the corner of Lorimer St.



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L Plan Ahead

Alternatives might be faster

Starting April 26, on nights and weekends:

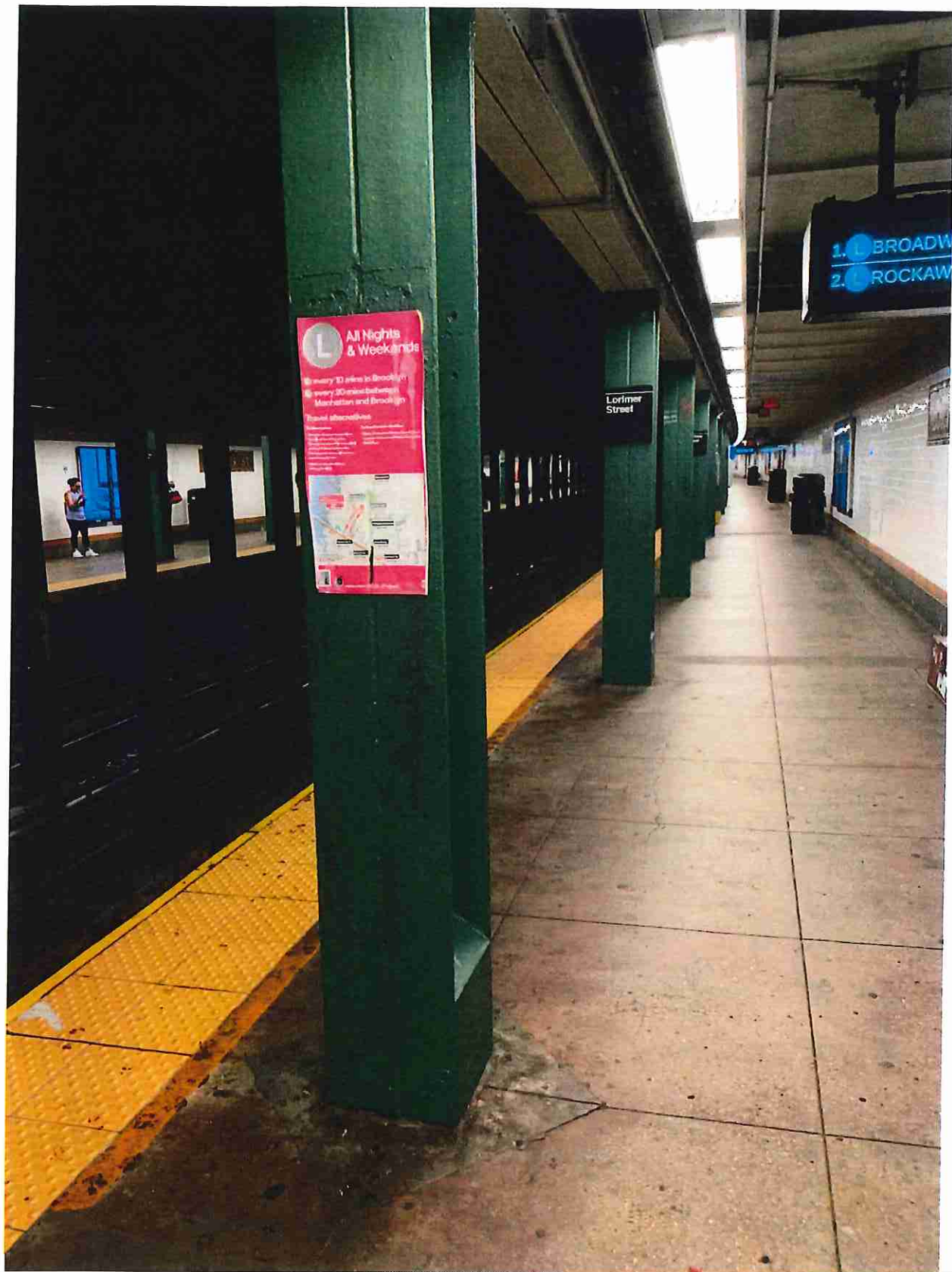
To Manhattan: If you take the L, make sure you board a Manhattan-bound train, because the last stop for every other train will be Lorimer St. If you can, start your trip at a nearby station. During the busiest times, the L runs every 8 minutes. Additional service also runs until 1:30 AM each night and makes regular stops up to 96 St-2 Av.

In Brooklyn: You can get to Bedford Av and Lorimer St via the L train by transferring at Marcy Av to the free Williamsburg Link B91/B92 buses, running as frequently as every 3 minutes.

The L operates every 10 minutes to Lorimer St and every 20 minutes to 96 St.

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L All Nights & Weekends

Every 15 minutes in Brooklyn
Every 30 minutes between
Manhattan and Brooklyn

Travel alternatives

For more information, visit www.mta.info

Lorimer
Street

1. BROADWAY
2. ROCKAWAY

